IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: BANK NOTE PROCESSING MACHINE AND METHOD FOR

IDENTIFYING FORGED BANK NOTES

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 22, 2008

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the outstanding Office action dated December 22, 2008 in the above-identified application. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

In the Drawings

An amendment to the drawings is found on the appended pages under the heading REPLACEMENT SHEET.

In the Specification

An amendment to the specification is found on the appended pages under the heading AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION.